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A brief report containing general information on the city of Troitsko Pechorsk
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1. In 1956, Troitsko Pechorsk (N62-42, E56-13), a rayon center,

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was inhabited by 4,000 to 5,000 persons, most of whom were old-time Russians who had escaped to the city during the Czarist era. A minority of the population was native Komi. There were also ex-prisoners who, by order of the security authorities, had settled in the town upon their release from ^{former} prison. These/prisoners were required to report once a month to the Komendatura and were not permitted to leave the town without permission.

2. Most of the inhabitants of Troitsko Pechorsk were employed in the forests, under the charge of the Ministry of Forest Industry (Ministerstvo Lesnoy Promishlennosti.) The Komi-leshilstroy Company, which constructed houses for the forest

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workers in Komi, was also subordinate to the Ministry.

The company also constructed road approaches to the forests.

The timber was floated on the Pechora River, and from there down south.

3. A stone-paved road which led from Troitsko Pechorsk to Ukhta (N63-28, E53-20) was open to bus traffic throughout the year and provided the only link with Ukhta. Snow plows effectively cleared the road during the winter.
4. There were two elementary schools in Troitsko Pechorsk, of which one taught in Russian and the other in Komi. The one high school in the town taught in Russian.
5. A rayon hospital operated in Troitsko Pechorsk.
6. The native Komi were represented in the government and Party institutions. Although the top posts were held mostly by Russians, more Komi were joining the ranks of the local intelligentsia each year. There was a Komi doctor, Komi teachers and officials. The Komi people were proud of their origin and had strong feelings of national solidarity.
7. In the vicinity of the town there were a number of kolkhozs which were engaged in mixed agriculture, cattle breeding, and

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fishing. Many of the inhabitants of Troitsko Pechorsk
had auxiliary farms on which they bred cattle, pigs, and
grew vegetables.

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